

## Lynn Marples: MMEA Advocate Award winner for 2009

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Music Promoters member Lynn Marples was recently awarded the MMEA Advocate award during the All State event at the Seaport Hotel in Boston.

**D**uxbury Music Promoters member Lynn Marples was recently awarded the Massachusetts Music Educators Association Advocate award. The following is the DHS music department's nomination letter. -ED.

Duxbury Public Schools Music Department nominates Lynn Marples for the MMEA Advocate Award. Mr. Marples joined the Duxbury Music Promoters fifteen years ago when his third son Thomas entered Duxbury High School as a member of the Dragons Marching Band. During his seventeen plus years as a member of the board of directors for the Music Promoters and treasurer for the past thirteen years, Lynn has helped the music promoters group growth from a yearly fundraised budget of less than \$2,000 per year to over \$15,000 which supports all of the instrumental and choral students in grades 5 through 12 and scholarships to graduating seniors. In an organization where parents enter the group and often graduate with their students, Lynn has remained on the board even though his youngest daughter Sarah, a clarinet graduate of UMass, graduated high school in 2001.

Most of Lynn's time on the board and work on behalf of the music students of Duxbury has not been as treasurer. Instead it has been in the thousands of hours Lynn has given to the students in the past twenty-one years. At almost every home football game with the marching band and pep band, Lynn is there helping move equipment out to the field before the game and back in after the game. He has been a chaperone on over 16 music trips all over the country, by planes, busses and even as the driver of the equipment truck all the way to Disney and back.

Lynn has brought water for the jazz band in the Fourth of July Parade each summer and has helped coordinate the Thanksgiving Day breakfast for the Marshfield/Duxbury football games. He brought the concept of "Dinners for Duxbury" to the Music Promoters, which was their most profitable fundraiser for years. He greeted every person who came to the Haunted House and has set up the food for the Memorial Day Parade at the First Parish Church.